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SUBJECT: VICE CHANCELLOR VICTOR NGU, UNIVERSITY OF YAOUNDE,
CAMEROON

1. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING LETTER TO ADDRESSEE SOONEST

THE HONORABLE ROBERT C WOOD
PRESIDENT
UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS
1 WASHINGTON MALL
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETT 02115

DEAR BOB:

I FIND THAT INTERESTS ARISING OUT OF MY PREVIOUS AND MY PRESENT INCARNATIONS SOMETIMES OVERLAP, AND WHEN THEY DO, I LIKE TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REESTABLISH OLD CONTACTS.

DR VICTOR NGU, VICE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF YAOUNDE, WILL BE ATTENDING THE FOURTH TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PRESENT AT THE STATLER-HILTON IN BOSTON, FROM NOVEMBER 10TH TO 1OTH. I NOTICS FROM THE ADVANCE PROGRAM THAT THE PRESIDENT OF YOUR BOSTON BRANCH WILL BE THERE, BUT I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE FUN FOR YOU TO MEET DR NGU AND VICE VERSA.
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DR NGU IS A DISTINGUISHED MEDICAL RESEARCHER, WHO WON THE LASKER PRIZE FOR RESEARCH IN 1972. LIKE SOME OTHER GOOD SCHOLARS YOU AND I KNOW, HE RELUCTANTLY TOOK ON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CHIEF ACDEMIC OFFICER OF HIS UP-AND-COMING UNIVERSITY, CAMEROON'S ONLY ONE. IN HIS SPEECH AT THE OPENING OF THE UNIVERSITY EARLIER THIS WEEK, HE REFERRED TO AMERICA'S LAND GRANT COLLEGES AS A BETTER MODEL FOR CAMEROON'S NEEDS, THAN THE INHERITED FRENCH AND ENGLISH TRADITIONS (THE UNIVERSITY, LIKE THE COUNTRYE. IS CONSTITUTIONALLY BI-LINGUAL, AND BOTH ARE TRYING SYSTEMATICALLY TO DIVERSIFY THEIR EXTERNAL RELATIONS). REMEMBERING THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS STARTED,OUT AS A "COW" COLLEGE IN AMHERST AND HAS COME A LONG WAY, I URGED HIM TO TRY TO GET TOGETHER WITH YOU.

THE UNIVERSITY OF YAOUNDE HAS TWO SUCH PLANS WHICH ARE THE IMMEDIATE OCCASION OF DR NGU'S CURRENT TRIP: THE SLOW ADDITION OF DOCTORAL PROGRAMS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY. THEY WOULD LIKE ALSO TO DEVELOP SOME KIND OF MORE OR LESS PERMANENTRELATIONSHIP WITH ONE OR MORE UNIVERSTIES IN THE UNITED STATES. HOPE THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO SPEND LITTLE TIME WITH VICTOR NGU AND WILL BE LOOKING FORWARD

TO HIS REPORT ON THE OVERWHELMING IMPRESSION WHICH HE WILL, NO DOUBT, RECEIVE FROM YOU

WITH WARM REGARDS,
(SIGNED) HERB

AMBASSADOR HERBERT J SPIRO
AMERICAN EMBASSY
YAOUNDE, CAMEROON
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